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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether doctors who examine patients maintain history sheets of the patients examined by them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I believe so."

Expenditure incurred in connexion with the case of C. G. Menon in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court.

* 68 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent by the State Government on the case of C. G. Menon and his wife in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The expenditure incurred in connection with the case in the Madras High Court on account of the fees for the Advocate-General and State Prosecutor was met by the Government of India and it was subsequently reimbursed by the Government of Singapore. In the Supreme Court an expenditure of Rs. 2,942–8–0 was incurred by this Government towards printing charges and towards fees for Counsel appearing for the State and this amount will also be reimbursed in due course."

Eviction of Hindu families from the lands held by them on lease from the Sacred Heart's College, Shanbaganur.

* 69 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the poor Hindu residents of Kodaikanal living in huts constructed on the lands belonging to the Catholic Fathers of the Sacred Heart's College complaining against the said Fathers for their attempt to evict them wholesale on the ground of their constructing a temple for Lord Siva for their worship in the said locality;

(*b*) whether the said residents requested the Government to allot necessary house-sites to them from the Government lands available near their present habitation;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government enquired into their complaint and considered their request; and

(*d*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have received a memorandum which purports to be from the Hindu residents of Kodaikanal and alleges among other things that certain Hindu families living at Shenbaganur were evicted by the authorities of the Sacred Heart's College from the lands held by them on lease from the Sacred Heart's College on the ground that they worshipped a Hindu deity installed on a platform erected in the margin of the Ghat road at Shenbaganur.

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"(*b*) *to* (*d*) The Hindus at Shenbaganur want house sites near the platform erected by them. There are no suitable unobjectionable vacant Government lands available for assignment in Shenbaganur."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—"May I know whether the Government did examine the question of assigning lands near the Sacred Heart's College, Shenbaganur, to those poor Hindu families, most of whom belong to the Harijan community, for constructing houses? When is the term of the lease likely to expire?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Those families are not willing to take up residence in the area that the authorities are willing to give; but they want residential quarters very near the Ghat road. The road at that place is very narrow and lands cannot be assigned for residential purposes."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"As the poor Hindu tenants were victimised for building a Hindu temple and practising their own religion, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will terminate the lease and resume the land leased out to the Missionary authorities?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"There is no question of victimization at all on account of building a sort of temple. The tenants have been evicted because they defaulted in the payment of rent. In fact, the authorities of the Sacred Heart's College have acquiesced in the people worshipping in the temple built by the residents and there is no trouble about that."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—"The land in question belongs to the Government. It has been given on lease to the authorities of the Sacred Heart's College and the authorities of the College have allowed the people to construct houses and live there for a long time past. I wish to know from the Hon. Minister what is the difficulty that the Government are experiencing in cancelling the lease of the land in question and assigning it to the poor Hindu residents living there?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Certain lands could not be assigned because it was objectionable to do so. Government are always ready to assign lands that can be assigned. As regards the land encroached upon by the authorities of the Sacred Heart's College, Government are taking steps to evict them."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Objection இல்லாத நிலங்களை அந்த ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு பட்டா செய்து கொடுப்பதில் சர்க்காருக்கு எந்தக் தடையும் இல்லையென்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லுகிறார்கள். குறிப்பிட்ட ஒரு இடத்திலே ஹரிஜனங்கள் வசிக்கவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னால் புறம்போக்கு நிலம் வழங்க **objection** இருக்கிறதா இல்லையா என்று பார்த்துக்கொண்டிருப்பது அல்ல பிரச்னை. அவர்களுக்கு எப்படியாவது மனைக்கட்டு வழங்கியாகவேண்டும். அதற்காக சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் என்று கேட்க ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்."

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the difficulty is that the land abuts on the Ghat road, and the residents have raised a sort of platform and have installed on it a deity. Though it is objectionable, the Government have not taken any action to evict anybody from that place because there is a feeling among the residents there that the place is sacred. Assignment of lands roundabout that area will interfere with the traffic on the road."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, the matter has been pending for over a year. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have enquired whether these poor residents were evicted on account of the fact that they defaulted in payment of small sums of rent or on account of the fact that they were practising Hindu religion? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is not because they practised Hindu religion that they were evicted. Interested people have made it appear so. They were evicted because they defaulted."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government examined the report of the District Collector, Madura, on the subject? If the presence of the Ghat road stands in the way of assigning the land to the residents there, as stated by the Hon. Minister in his replies to the previous supplementaries, may I know, how these people were allowed to reside there for such a long time in the past? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the question relates only to the ' peetam ' or ' platform ' that has been raised. Members are talking about some other thing."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, I request that a half-hour debate may kindly be allowed as the subject-matter of the question is important."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I allow a half-hour debate on this. question. It is not possible to have the debate to-day and we will have it to-morrow."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" நாங்கள் அரைமணி விவாதம் வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டால் கவர்னர் விவாதத்தில் பேசுங்கள் என்கிறீர்கள். சர்க்கார் கட்சியில் உள்ளவர்கள் கேட்டால் அனுமதி கொடுக்கிறீர்கள், ஏன் ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am not at all partial. I am not going to have the half-hour debate to-day and am going to have it only to-morrow."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I submit that on a previous occasion when I asked for a half-hour debate on an important question like the border disputes, the Hon. Speaker was pleased to instruct me to include the subject in my speech on the Governor's Address. But now . . ."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I now understand the position. I think on last Saturday the hon. Member asked for a half-hour debate. At that time, the hon. Member had not spoken on the Governor's Address. Therefore, he had an opportunity to ventilate his grievances on the floor of the House when he spoke on the Governor's Address. To-day I am going to allow only Leaders of Parties to speak on the Governor's Address and I am not going to allow others to speak. As there is no time for other Members to take part in the debate to-day, I am allowing the half-hour debate. I never discriminate. In all these matters before the hon. Member puts such a question to the Chair, let the hon. Member realise what he is speaking about."

Extension of the supply of electricity from Parli to Shoranur, South Malabar.

* 70 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how far the work of extension of electricity from Parli to Shoranur, South Malabar, has progressed?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" In December 1952 a scheme for extension of supply of electricity from Parli village (which gets supply from the Pykara Electricity System), to Shoranur via Lakkidi and Vaniankulam village in Malabar district was sanctioned. In November 1953 a revised scheme was sanctioned for extension of power to the above villages from Shoranur with the power proposed to be obtained from the Travancore-Cochin State, as it was found that the revised scheme would be better. The question of concluding a power agreement in this regard with the Travancore-Cochin Government is under active consideration and as soon as the agreement is concluded, the extension scheme will be taken up for execution."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are we to understand, Sir, that the scheme which was sanctioned in 1953 could not be executed until an agreement was concluded with the Travancore-Cochin State? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The matter is under the active consideration of the Government. As soon as agreement is concluded with the Travancore-Cochin State, the scheme will be taken up for execution. In fact, the Government have already made a provision of Rs. 3,82,000 in the Budget. The scheme is expected to fetch a return of 4 per cent. That is why we are trying to get power from the Travancore-Cochin State."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to hasten the negotiations with that Government so that the supply of electricity to these villages may be made as early as possible? The Tranvancore-Cochin State has laid wires right up to the banks of the Bharatam and it is easy to extend supply to Malabar."